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SUBJECT: ECONCOM X

REF: STATE 046641

1. IN SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY, FUKADA (DEPUTY DIRGEN, AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU) AND KAWASHIMA (ACTING DIRECTOR, SECOND NORTH AMERICA DIVISION) HAVE STATED THAT FONOFF DOES NOT HAVE POSITION ON TIMING FOR ECONCOM X. THEY SAID THAT QTE PREVAILING INFORMAL VIEW UNQTE IS THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO POSTPONE MEETING UNTIL 1976 BECAUSE OF OTHER MATTERS WHICH WILL REQUIRE FONOFF'S ATTENTION, E.G. EXPECTED EXTENDED DIET SESSION, A POSSIBLE VISIT TO US BY PRIME MINISTER MIKI AND EMPEROR'S VISIT. AT SAME TIME, HOWEVER, THEY EXPRESSED DESIRE TO SEE TO IT THAT ECONCOM DOES NOT WITHER ON THE VINE. KAWASHIMA ALSO MENTIONED THAT FONOFF WAS BEGINNING INFORMAL INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS ON QUESTIONS OF ATTENDANCE AND FORMAT TO REDUCE LIKELIHOOD OF MEETING BEING MERE QTE PASSING OF PAPERS UNQTE, AS CYNICS HAVE ALLEGED.

2. KAWASHIMA, WHO STATED HE HAD CHECKED OUT HIS VIEWS WITH AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRGEN YAMAZAKI, EMPHASIZED THAT FONOFF DID NOT HAVE STRONG VIEWS AT THE MOMENT AND THAT FONOFF FELT ANY INITIATIVES ON ECONCOM X SHOULD COME FROM U.S. SIDE. UNTIL U.S. MAKES ITS VIEWS KNOWN, HE SAID, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT GOJ WILL COMMIT ITSELF ON ISSUE

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OF TIMING.

3. COMMENT: FONOFF COMMENTS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT BALL IS IN U.S. COURT. ALTHOUGH INDICATIONS THAT GOJ PREFERS TO DELAY ECONCOM X UNTIL 1976 COME FROM SENIOR STAFF LEVELS OF FONOFF RATHER THAN PROSPECTIVE JAPANESE CABINET PARTICIPANTS THEMSELVES, FACT THAT SOME OF LATTE (E.G. FONMIN MIYAZAWA AND MAF MINISTER ABE) HOPE TO ARRANGE SEPARATE TRIPS TO WASHINGTON THIS SPRING SUGGESTS JAPANESE CABINET MAY ALSO PREFER POSTPONEMENT. WE BELIEVE DECISION TO POSTPONE, HOWEVER, SHOULD BE A JOINT ONE RATHER THAN U.S. PROPOSAL. WE ACCORDINGLY SUGGEST U.S. APPROACH GOJ WITH OFFER TO HOST ECONCOM WITHIN SPECIFIC BUT FAIRLY LIMITED "WINDOW" IN SEPT COUPLED WITH ALTERNATIVE OFFER IN 1976 IF 1975 INCONVENIENT FOR JAPAN.  
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